



DISTRICT 4



Councilman Kenneth N. Oliver

Reports on Community News & Views

Together we can make a difference!!!

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Greetings!

Baltimore County, along with the rest of the country, has the challenge of navigating through some extremely tough economic times. Considering this fact, it was necessary that the budget we adopted in the County Council was lean and also consistent with the nationwide desire for government agencies to do more with less. I am happy to say we accomplished that goal. I also assure you that the Baltimore County Council will continue to be responsible stewards of all county revenue.

Unfortunately, the cost of everything is going up but many people's pay checks have remained the same. The price of gas is hovering around \$4.00 a gallon and the price of food is steadily rising. It's time for us, the citizens of Baltimore County to make some changes in our lifestyles:

1. When it's feasible, drive your car less. Make as few trips as possible by planning your routes and running all errands in one trip.
2. Start a walking club in your community. This is a great opportunity to meet and/or bond with your neighbors.
3. Whenever possible, car-pool to and from the store and work. This will help you save gas and ultimately help keep a few extra dollars in your pocket.
4. If your destination is accessible, take the Light Rail or the Subway. The MTA is going your way.
5. Join organizations such as Share Food Network/Food Co-ops /Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) – these organizations, help you extend your food budget. [Click here for more details.](#)

Tough economic times requires us all to change our habits and learn how to keep more of our hard earned money in OUR pockets. Consumers have the power to alter the dynamic of supply and demand. Try to designate a day or two per week where you spend little or no money. Take your lunch to work, cook dinner at home, and use the time to strengthen your family bonds.

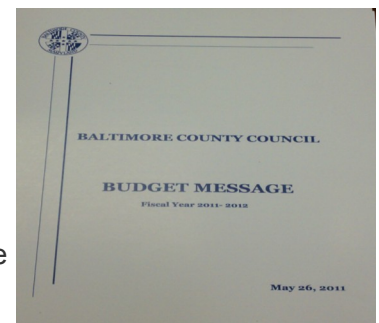
On a lighter note, as the school year winds down I think it's important to highlight some of the outstanding students, and teachers that represent schools in the fourth district. These young men and women are the future of our great country and I am proud to call them my neighbors.

If you need to reach my office feel free to give us a call at (410) 887-3389 or send us an email at council4@baltimorecountymd.gov. My staff, Debbie Risper and Matthew Minson, is there to serve you.

Thanks again for the opportunity to continue working on your behalf.
Best regards,
Ken N. Oliver

Baltimore County FY 2012 Budget

After conducting extensive budget hearings and deliberations the County Council slightly modified the budget originally submitted by the county executive. County residents can rest assured that neither budget proposed to raise taxes or cut county services. The final version of the fiscal year 2012 budget was adopted by the Council on May 26, 2011. [Learn More](#)



New senior housing complex opens in Randallstown.

"Baltimore County has the fastest growing senior population in the state." [Read More](#)



Education Corner

Check out some of the amazing accomplishments by students and a teacher from schools in the 4th District

Woodlawn High School Team 768 (Techno Warriors) was one of six teams to qualify for national competition at the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition Chesapeake Regional. The Techno Warriors went on to participate in the national championship where they gave a valiant effort.

Woodlawn High School student **Sorour Refahi** was honored with the \$1000 first prize award in The Christophers 21st Annual Poster Contest for High School students. Her work was selected from among more than 1000 entries designed by students from around the world to explore the theme "You Can Make A Difference."

Deer Park Middle Magnet School student **Isiah Manns** won first place at the History Day 2011 district finals. The competition, for students in grades 6-12, is a learning experience providing an opportunity for students to conduct in-depth research on a subject of interest and to share what they have learned through creative and original productions.

Windsor Mill Middle School English teacher **Joshua Parker** was named Baltimore County's 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year. Parker expressed, "This is an incredible honor." He went on to say "While I've given my life to this labor of love, I've gotten back so much more. I've seen students' lives changed from the themes, discussions and skills learned in my classes. I've seen students broaden their horizons to understand that their options extend beyond the basketball court or beauty salon."

Milford Mill Academy student **Darian Williams** was named one of 300 national Dell Scholars from the Class of 2011. The honor includes a \$20,000 college scholarship along with mentoring, a laptop and printer, and other support.

Randallstown High School student's, win the state championship for the "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" competition. In "We the People," students study for months in order to portray experts who must testify on selected Constitutional issues in a simulated Congressional hearing. For the state finals, students were challenged to develop statements related to six issues and to answer questions from a "Congressional" panel.

The team consists of Olu Abegunde, Oluchukwu Agu, Kemjika Chikeka, Stephen Flowers, Mariam Ibrahim, Christiana Ilufoye, Jahannah Kincheloe, K'dianne Lewis, Chidiogo Nkume, Jewels Nzeako, Nneamaka Odum, Colliette Teah, and Bilphena Yahwon. All the students are seniors except for junior Mariam Ibrahim.

BCPS Schools Superintendant Dr. Hairston presents the Teacher of the Year Award to Joshua Parker

Students from the Randallstown "We the People" team along with their teacher Richard Weitkamp, Assistant Principal Michelle Landen,

Deer Park Middle Magnet student Isiah Manns



Community Corner

Randallstown Farmers Market is Back!

The Farmers market is coming back to the Randallstown Community Center (3505 Resource Drive, 21133). The Grand Opening will be on June 29, 2011, and the market will run every Wednesday from 2-5 PM, thru September. Come out and purchase some of the freshest fruits, vegetables, cookies, cakes, pies, Italian ices, and more. This is a great opportunity to support Baltimore county vendors and mingle with your neighbors.

Pass it Along

Send me information about your community events and we'll highlight them in upcoming editions of the newsletter. Email to:
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Snow/Storm-
Other Non-Emergency Concerns-

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If you need to access services provided by Baltimore County click on the link below.

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Job Seeker Resources

[Maryland Workforce Exchange](#) (Updated regularly)

[Baltimore County Employment Opportunities](#) (Updated at the beginning of every week)

[CareerBuilder](#) (Updated daily)